

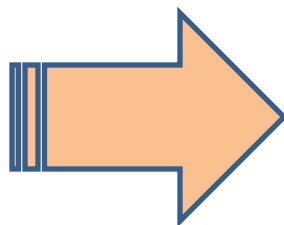
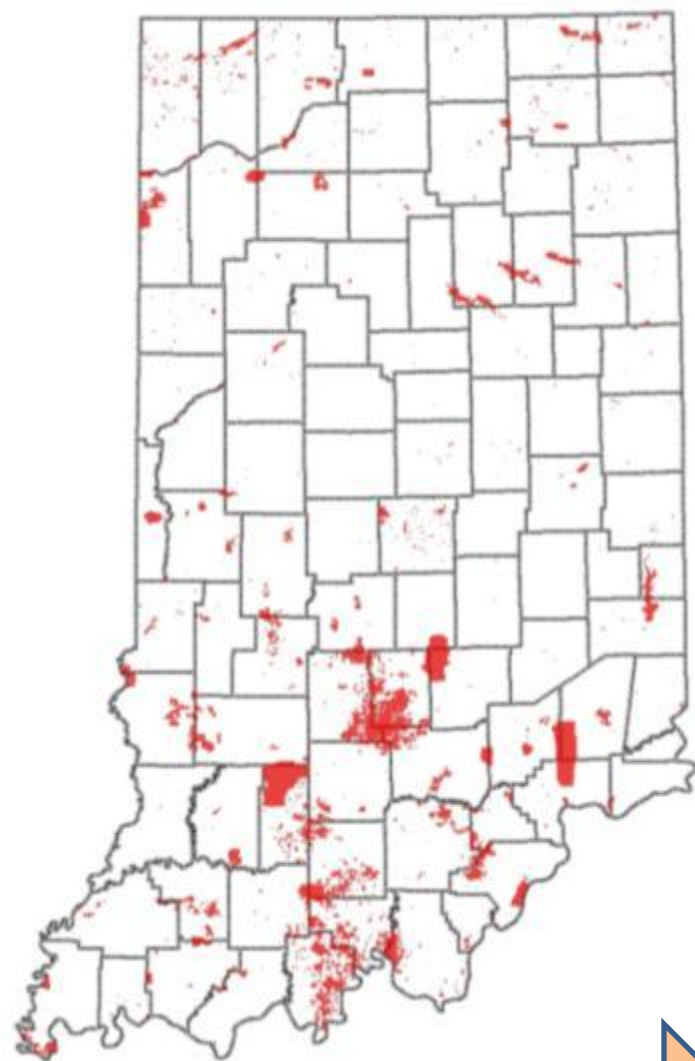
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# Indiana's Wildlife Action Plan



## The Vision

Indiana's State Wildlife Action Plan will be a guiding plan to move a diverse conservation community towards the shared goal of enhancing and conserving fish and wildlife resources.







Indiana has a mosaic of  
natural communities





# Rivers





# Forests





Wetlands



# Grasslands







Lakes



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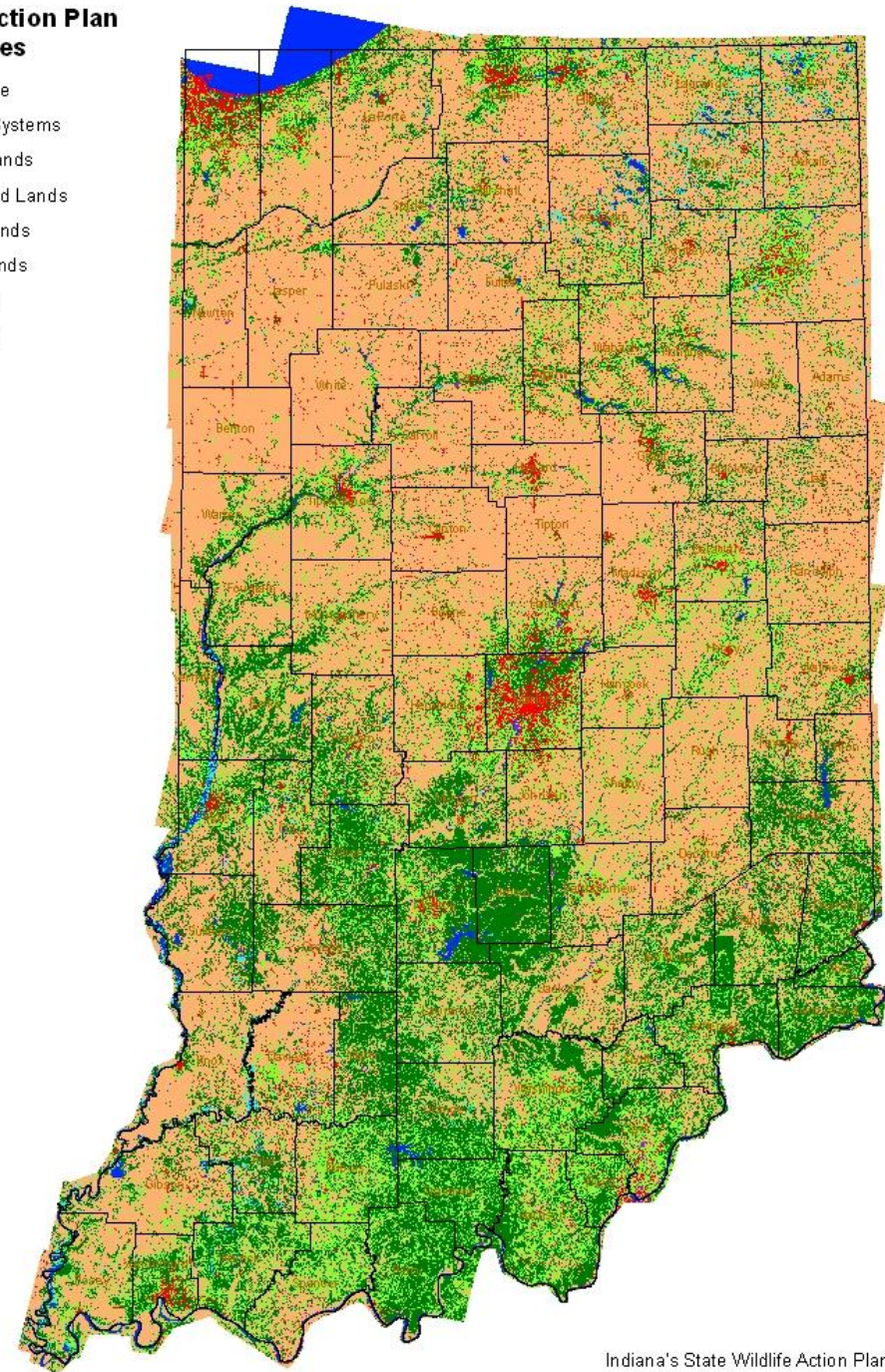




# Indiana's Habitats

- 60 habitats identified in 2005
- 8 major habitat types

## Indiana's Action Plan Habitat Types





















We also have quite a few residents...







# Natural Resources in Indiana: The Big Picture

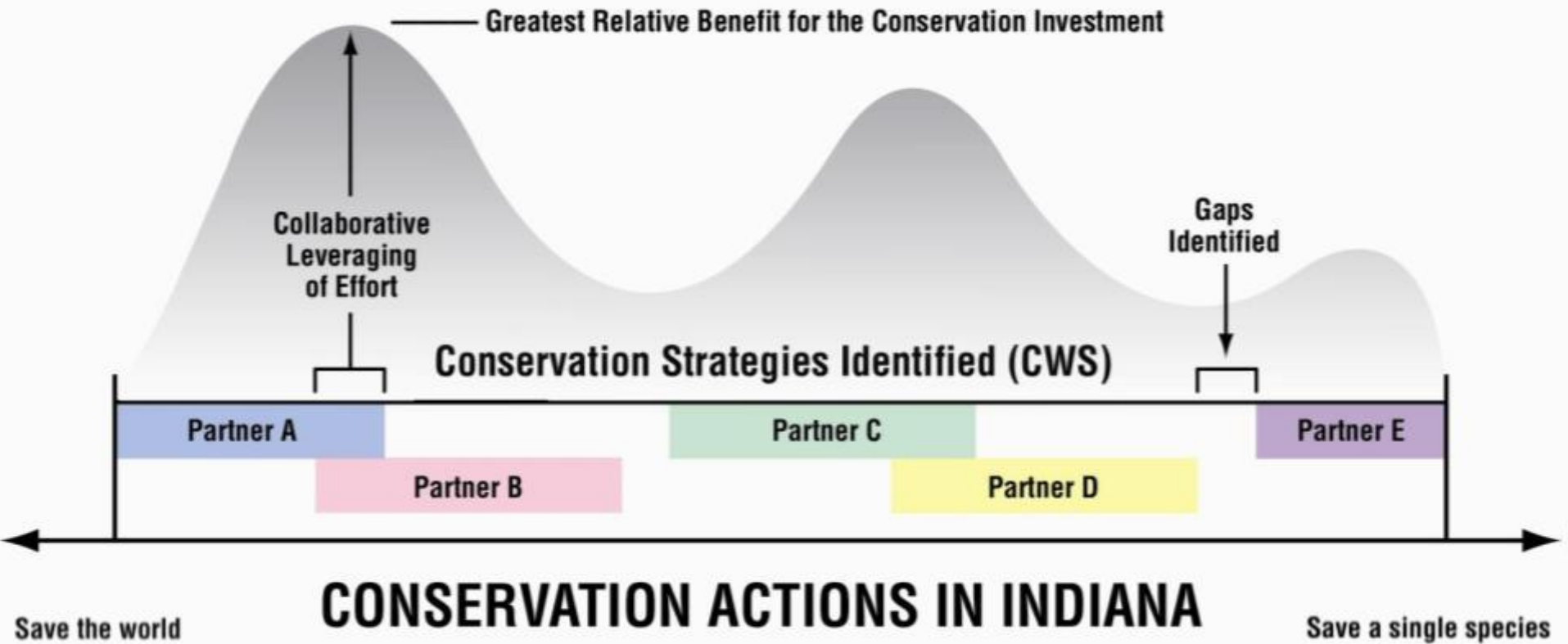
Over 600 wildlife species and  
Over 200 fish species in Indiana

400,000 acres owned by DNR

1,000,000 acres owned by federal, state, local,  
and private natural resource groups



# Indiana's Vision







# A short history

- First meeting in February 2013
- Common interests:
  - Work together & collaborate
  - Be more effective (Avoid random acts)
  - Have shared vision & priorities
  - Increase awareness for wildlife & natural resources
  - Increase/restore funding for conservation programs



# Forging a Path for the Future

By the end of 2015:

- Be fully integrated throughout the diverse conservation community
- Increase collaboration and bridge efforts
- Continue protecting species of greatest conservation need
- Establish a way to collectively track conservation activities







# Conservation doesn't just happen

- Focus areas developed
  - Environment
  - Partnerships (conservation community)
  - Funding
  - Citizens
- Created goals and objectives for each focus area



# Conservation Community



Create a conservation community working toward the common goals and priorities. This community will be:

- Organized (we know all the players)
- Funded (members financially supported by their organization)
- Cooperative (build consensus, address “what’s in it for me?” – common goals)
- Communicating (including ICAP - record success, share information through the process)
- Works as a unit (common goals)



# Ecosystems (Environment)

A background image showing a sunset or sunrise over a dark horizon. The sky is a gradient of orange and red, with a bright yellow sun partially visible on the right side.

Indiana is a mosaic of large-scale, functional, diverse ecosystems that are managed across jurisdictions to promote long-term sustainability and health.

## Actions:

- Assessment of Indiana habitat and threats
- Define terms (common language)
- Create priority habitat areas



# Citizens

A horizontal banner image at the top of the slide showing a sunset over a dark horizon. The sky is a gradient of orange and red, with a bright sun partially obscured by the horizon line.

Foster public awareness to achieve buy-in of SWAP goals

## Actions:

- Identify bus driver (coordinator) – citizen science coordinator?
- Create and Market consistent messaging
- Provide opportunities for public involvement
- Identify outreach resources



# Funding

A background image showing a sunset over a body of water. The sun is a bright yellow-orange circle on the horizon, with its light reflecting on the water. The sky is a gradient of orange and red, and the water is dark.

2015 SWAP successfully guides application of SWG monies and outside funding sources to maximize fish and wildlife resource habitat protection, enhancement, and creation as identified in the 2015 SWAP.

- Action: Establish priority areas reflective of priority habitats.

SWAP will have project-based deliverables that can be funded by other public and private monies to leverage SWG monies.

- Action: Database of funding sources and criteria for funding.
- Action: Identify smaller areas for niche species outside





# Next steps

- Kick-off Partner/Public meetings
  - September
  - Assessment & Feedback opportunities
- Selection of Species of Greatest Conservation Need
- 2014
  - Data collection & survey
  - Establish actions & priorities

# Kick-off Meetings

- **Central Indiana**

Thursday, September 26

Indiana Wildlife Federation (Sol Center)

708 E. Michigan St. Indianapolis, IN 46202

- **Southern Indiana**

Wednesday, October 2

O'Bannon Woods State Park (Group Camp)

7234 Old Forest Rd. SW Corydon, IN 47112

- **Northern Indiana**

Thursday, October 3

Newton Center

601 N. Michigan St. Lakeville, IN 46536

- Meetings run from 9am–3pm
- lunch will be provided.





